

THE BAPTIST.

"BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD."

OLD SERIES, VOL. 22 AND 8.

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NEW SERIES, VOL. 1, No. 45

On last Lord's day, at the close of service, Pastor Hickman resigned the pastoral care of the Duran church. We are not advised as to whether the resignation will be accepted. Bro. Hickman has done a good work at Durant.

We commend the article by President B. G. Lowrey as worthy of careful reading by every parent who has sons or daughters in College. Our sons and daughters ought to be developed spiritually while their physical and mental development is in progress. A simultaneous development will not only give greater symmetry of character, but it will give characters more compact and vigorous.

Up to this date the Lord has mercifully protected the orphan children from the fever, giving them splendid health. Bro. Foster, the superintendent, is in fine health, and ready to lend a helping hand to the sufferers from the fever. Being immune he may be of great worth during the fever, in giving direction and nursing, if necessary. Of course, if it were to break out in the orphanage, he would devote himself to the inmates altogether.

Clinton is on a boom; 168 students in spite of all the difficulties! Dr. Lowrey and his noble faculty are encouraged and are nerving themselves for one of the best year's work ever done in Mississippi College. Boys can with perfect safety reach the College as Dr. Lowrey indicates. We would say to the boys, though thrown out of your course, do not be thrown off your purpose to attend the College. You can enter yet, and do a good session's work.

We would call special attention to the article of Dr. Kinabrew in this issue. It breathes the right spirit. If the suggestions he makes were headed, there would be some happy families in the land, and some better work would be done than can be done under the regime that obtains now in most places. He is right. Pastors and flocks greatly need to be drawn more closely together, if we would have the best results in

church work. It requires constant tokens of appreciation to nerve a pastor for his best efforts. And in addition to the encouragement that would be given the pastor, would be the reflex influence of such actions upon the churches.

It seems a great misfortune that we are shut in by quarantine and thus cut off from the associational gatherings. And added to this is the fact that Dr. Searcy has been sick several days in Clinton, and is not yet able to travel. Brethren, we know we have your sympathy and prayers while we are exposed to fever in bringing out THE BAPTIST. Many have written us to this effect. We greatly appreciate this interest in us. But while you pray do not forget we are in great need of money to pay our bills incident to publishing THE BAPTIST. Please do not put us off; but send at once to this office what you owe. The mailing facilities are in perfect working order. We are doing our best, and not alarmed, because we feel that we are at our post of duty. Will you not help us? We feel that you will.

On September 29, President McKinley approved the verdict of court-martial trial of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, corps of engineers, U. S. A. Charges were preferred against him by Gen John M. Wilson, chief of engineers, on Dec. 13, 1898. The charge was that he and others had entered into a conspiracy to defraud the United States of river and harbor appropriations for Savannah and other places, stating that he had already appropriated for his own use from \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000. Gen. Otis, now commanding in the Philippines, presided in the trial which lasted several months. The trial resulted in the following verdict:

And the court does, therefore, sentence the accused, Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, corps of engineers, United States Army, to be dismissed from the service of the United States, to suffer a fine of \$5,000, to be confined at hard labor at such place as the proper authority may direct, for five years, and the crime, punishment, name and place of abode of the accused to be publish-

ed in the newspapers in and about the station and the State from which the accused came, or where he usually resides.

It is frequently said that government officials can misappropriate funds with impunity. In many cases they may; but the proceedings in the above case show that our government is not dead to a sense of right, but will, on sufficient evidence, inflict punishment adequate to the crime. Christian people ought to pray more for our government officials and censure less.

What the Female School Man Sees.

TO THE BAPTIST:

If I had a daughter off at school I should pay for a copy of my State denominational paper and have it mailed weekly to her at the College; and I should do this though I knew that the College Reading Room were receiving a score of religious papers every week. I do not expect to send a daughter off to school right soon; but one of these years, I hope to

give you a subscription for Mr. Jarman Lowrey, care Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.; and to renew that subscription annually for a dozen or a score of years, only changing the given name as my numerous sons succeed each other at College. When my boys graduate with honors from Mississippi College I shall feel humiliated, if they are not well up on Baptist doctrine, Baptist work, and Baptist affairs generally, and if they are not acquainted, and in fair touch with the great and noble Baptist Brotherhood of Mississippi.

I am surprised that so few parents send the State denominational paper to their children at College. As I look back over a lifetime spent thus far in a female school, I am surprised to see how few pupils I have had who received their denominational papers and read them regularly in their rooms.

Among the few, I think just now of the daughter of that typical Baptist layman, Dr. Jno. S. Carothers, and the two daughters of that veteran preacher and model citizen, A. A. Lomax. Then there was a

genuine, consecrated Methodist girl, Dora Beevers, who received and read her *Christian Advocate* like a letter from home. She, like one of Bro. Lomax's daughters, has been called up higher, and has left the memory of her beautiful Christian character to bless and inspire us, for years to come. I might mention a few others but the number is distressingly small.

A Mississippi Baptist girl off at school ought to have THE BAPTIST in her own room, where her eyes would constantly fall upon it and where she could pick it up and read it at any time when she had a few spare moments. Then she would read it, as she will, not when she has to go to the college reading-room to hunt it. No two dollars that a father spends on his child's college course will be better spent than that which pays for the denominational paper to make its weekly visits to her room. A female school man constantly sees that parents need waking up on the importance of having their children intelligent and broadly informed about religion and religious work.

If these random thoughts find their way into the columns of THE BAPTIST, I shall, perhaps, some day tell you some more things that a female school man sees.

Very truly,
B. G. LOWREY.

Dr. and Mrs. Searcy had rooms at the Johnson house which burned last Saturday. The fire breaking out in an adjoining room to theirs, nearly all their household goods were lost. We saved only Mrs. Searcy's trunk and a few other small articles. They were absent from the city. Their many friends will sympathize with them in their loss. A great many of their things were souvenirs from children and friends, causing them more keenly to feel the loss. The doctor has been sick some days at Clinton, but a note from him yesterday states that he is almost well again. He will attend as many associations as he can.

As we go to press we make this brief note in regard to the fever situation. Up to this hour fifteen cases have been announced in all; and five deaths. The situation is very much improved.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Reader, Will you turn to page 15 of last issue and carefully read what Dr. Rowe says in regard to the Church Building Fund? This is a very important department of our denominational work. As a house is necessary to the well-being of a family so is it with a church. There are several organizations in the State in fine localities, full of promise, if certain conditions are met. First of all, they need a place in which to meet. These homeless churches are willing to do all they can towards the erection of houses of worship. But in most instances the membership is small and poor. Let those who have good comfortable church houses, well ceiled, painted and furnished, reflect a moment upon the condition of their less fortunate brothers and sisters. Think over your matters a little, and see if you could not, without any great self-denial make a small contribution for building church houses in destitute places. Then men must be sent there to preach to these people and develop them into strong workers for the Lord.

Now if we can succeed in erecting suitable church buildings, these churches will grow rapidly, and will soon become strong factors in the work of the Lord, giving back to our Boards more money than we spend in getting them on their feet. And, besides the fact that they will return to our Boards more money than we give them, they will become strong evangelizing forces in their respective communities.

State Mission work is in a very important respect foundation work. Every weak church that we can assist in becoming strong and liberal is made a tributary to both Home and Foreign Missions. Just a little timely help judiciously bestowed has been the making of many a man. There comes a time in the life of every child when just a little help will save him, or a slight neglect ruin him. So there is a time in the history of our weak, struggling churches when a little help will start them on careers of great usefulness; but a little neglect will dwarf them temporarily, if not permanently. We believe it would be well-pleasing to our Lord, if every one who reads these lines, would make a contribution to the Church Building Fund of our Convention Board.

You could individually send such amounts as you purpose in your hearts to give, to Dr. Rowe, Winona, Miss., Sept. 18, 1899. By actual count, and aside from several restorations and receptions by letter, you reported 391 baptisms in your last week's issue. Your news service was magnificent, and to every one interested in the salvation of the lost, you bore glad tidings of great joy. The Baptist preacher is "abroad in the land" and the Spirit of our Lord is with him.

The subject for discussion in all the B. Y. P. U. meetings, in both Canada and the United States, for the second Sunday in September, was: "How to HELP THE PASTOR." Being absent from our own meet-

members, lay the matter before their churches, and request public collections. We do not suppose there is a church in the State that would not give something for this object, if it were properly worked up by the pastor; and many churches would make comparatively large offerings. Allow us to present one example of churches which were once too weak to build a suitable house or to employ an acceptable pastor. We mention Winona, because we know the facts there. This church received help for several years in supporting a pastor, and also it received help in building a house. It now has a good house, supports a strong pastor, and gives almost as much money to benevolent purposes as it spends for home uses, including pastor's salary. Last conventional year it gave about \$225 00 for State Missions alone. It gives proportionately to other objects. Twenty years ago, a weak, straggling band, now a vigorous, aggressive body, keeping up home matters in good style, and paying into the treasuries of our Boards every year more than it ever received any year. This is just one example. A dozen similar ones in the State might be cited. And there are possibly not less than a dozen feeble organizations in the State today, which, by a little timely assistance in building comfortable houses of worship, would within a few years be among the strongest and most liberal churches in the State. As stewards of the Lord, we might make a fine investment in this work of the funds he has entrusted to our management. It would doubtless be a good paying investment with which our Lord when he comes to reckon with us would be well-pleased.

Notes at Random.

BY W. P. PRICE.

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12. Have him and his people to visit you and your folks; and, then you and your folks visit him and his.

Keep this up as long as he is your pastor and don't stop at the end of the first two or three months of his pastorate, "as the manner of some is."

13. When you get sick, manage some way to let him know it.

14. If you are in trouble, he is your friend, let him know it, only let the trouble be real.

15. Find out his trouble, and be unto him as you would have him be unto you.

Divine Paraclete. There are two—Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Jesus, for he said to his disciples that the Father would give them "another comforter," the Ho-

ing, I asked the leader to write and preserve on the blackboard until my return, the ways in which it was suggested the members could help the pastor. While absent, I had the pleasure of attending another B. Y. P. U. meeting, and, in the two meetings, by consulting the blackboard on my return, I find that the following most helpful suggestions were presented and discussed by the young people, as being, in their minds, some of the ways by which a church can help her pastor in his work, and right well worthy of study are they—especially so in following that splendid article by Bro. Ellis of last week. Turn and read it again:

1. Attend all the services of the church promptly.

2. Invite your friends, neighbors and strangers to go along with you—and don't forget your own children.

3. Listen earnestly to the service, looking for the good points, and take it all to yourself.

4. Help to make the service interesting by taking part in the singing, and being otherwise interested in the preliminaries—just sit still and think, if no more.

5. Pray for him always, that he may do his work well.

6. Pay him promptly and cheerfully.

Human Paraclete. There are such persons. There ought to be, really there are, many of them. All men at sometimes, some men at all times, need and crave a paraclete, one called in to help. No one is absolutely independent. If men do not seek help in words, their manifest weakness and peril call for assistance. A sympathetic soul, a man of heart-compassion, will hear and hasten to help. The help needed and craved and most efficient is sometimes not money, or anything that a man has; but sincere and loving sympathy; the riches of the soul. The best gift is one's self. There is such a thing as a human friend that sticketh closer than a brother. And he binds you to himself with hooks of steel. Thank God for these human paracletes, quick to hear and eager to respond! Blessed be his holy name for the disposition to help! "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We love most ardently, not those who are kind to us, but those whom we help. He who loses his life in the estimation of the world really saves it in the sight of God and in his own estimation.

9. Sit close up to the front, and greet him, and all in attendance, cordially. In fact never leave the church without shaking the pastor's hand.

10. Have your friends to meet him.

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16. He has the cause at heart,

and,

so far as you can, help to carry out his plans—if he won't do your way you do his way, or make him think you are.

17. Call him for some definite time—one year, or two years, or five years, or ten years, and, then, for life, if all things go well.

18. Anticipate his wants, and increase his salary from year to year, whether he needs it or not—he will give it all away anyhow.

19. If he is a weak brother, stick the closer to him, for in such a case he needs you most.

20. Try to get closer to him than anybody else. Selah!

Paracletes.

ly Spirit, for he explained, "the Spirit of truth." Jesus, the first man, while the association reassembled for the purpose of appointing some one to write an article, to be read Monday morning, and to discuss the "pro and con" of the appointment of some one to write on the subject of missions, but this failed for want of a second, and so the meeting adjourned till Monday, 9 a. m.

Preaching on the Sabbath by the Moderator, H. Graham, and a Bro. Tabor.

There are, I believe, eight chur-

ches in this association, with perhaps 300 members and three preachers. A small number had been baptized; a few received by letter. The letters showed \$18 for minutes, \$0 for pastor's salaries and \$0 for missions and all other benevolent objects. When discussing the situation one of the brethren said he knew some churches which were breaking themselves up paying their pastors and giving to missions, whereupon a visiting brother said: "you all ought to be getting rich."

Nothing has been heard of to this writing of their Monday meeting, but it is fair to suppose they met, discussed temperance and adjoined. For the past two years not one cent has been given by this so called body of Missionary Baptists for the evangelization of the world. But the Moderator says, "the earth is flat on top and square in shape."

The Fair River Association met with the Monticello Baptist Church Friday before the 4th Lord's day in this month, and the Bogue Chitto Association with Topisaw Church, 10 miles east of Bogue Chitto station and 18 miles west of Monticello, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath of September.

Bro. J. Jasper Green, of Brookhaven, for a number of years Moderator of the Fair River, and Bro. E. P. Douglas, former clerk—both able, valued pastors—were absent, the one on a bed of suffering, the other at rest with Christ. Bro. D. M. Lee of Monticello was elected Moderator, and a worthy son (a young man of great worth) of the lamented Douglas, was chosen clerk. The letters indicated a fairly good year's work done in most of the churches, and the churches generally were in a good spiritual condition, although it was agreed on all sides that none had done their best.

The Bethel Association met with the Blue Springs Church, 18 miles northeast of Columbia, Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, at 10 a. m. Introductory sermon by Brother Courtney. After 30 minutes rest, preaching at the stand by brethren Bullock and Pitt-

Reports on the various subjects time consumed, as well done as were well prepared, well read and could be.

But there seemed to be a general impression that five hours was too little in which to read and thoroughly consider all the requests presented by the various committees. I regret to have forgotten the clerk's name. Brethren Fortenberry, Anding, Bond, Sibley and Lowe did the preaching, and this is to say the people had first-class preaching.

But I must close this letter—already too long—by kindly saying to the typo that the leaving out one whole page of my last manuscript and putting in its stead a personal note to the Editor did not allow the latter part of my report of the Pearl River Association to make respectable nonsense. Please do not do so again.

Fraternally,
J. J. W. MATHIS.
Columbia, Miss., Sep. 26, 1899.

[We beg to say that the typo is not to be blamed for above omission. Neither the editor, Bro. Mathis by some inadvertence did not enclose to this office above mentioned page.—ED.]

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August 31, 1899

Why I Am a Baptist Only.

A DREAM.

BY R. G. HEWLETT.

No. 5.

"Captain Pistos," said I to my venerable guide, "there is not a ship in all yonder fleet that this ship can claim as a friend? Why are none of them friends to this ship?"

"I do not suppose that Capt. Pistos meant that all of those ships are or have been openly hostile against this one, but that none of them are the friends or allies of this ship, and could not be relied upon to aid her in time of need. This ship has always sailed alone, and has always had to fight her own battles unaided by any of the ships now in sight. The power of those ships has always been, some more, some less, openly or in secret, intentionally or unintentionally, against this ship. The reason of this opposition is that those vessels are of the earth, earthly, while this ship is of heaven, heavenly.

And as the earthly is opposed to the heavenly, those are opposed to this. They are after the flesh, this is after the Spirit; and those that are after the flesh are always opposed to those that are after the Spirit.

"As I before stated, this ship is the only ship afloat on this sea that is of heavenly origin—the only one whose architect and builder is God. She was planned and built by Prince Emmanuel—God with us, the god-man more than eighteen centuries ago. It is, therefore, unique in its build, objects, methods, in short, in everything that properly belongs to it. Being thus peculiar, it is not to be expected that it would share the friendship or love of those that differ so much from it. I am not speaking here of the individuals that compose the crews of those ships, in their personal character, of them there may be, and I hope are, some who are kindly-disposed toward us, as individuals, or even toward this ship, but I am speaking of the ships themselves, in their origin and build, in the powers that direct, and the motives that inspire to the course they pursue, and in the objects they seek to accomplish."

"I suppose you refer to 'The Great Red Dragon' that is spoken of in the passage we read but recently. Him, that is called the Devil and Satan the Deceiver of the whole world, that was cast out of heaven down to earth with his angels."

"Yes; he and his angels are going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom they may devour. The large majority of men readily fall into their claws. They are as easily captured by the Devil, as a hungry fish is by a hook with a good bait. Though warned they are as people having neither ears nor eyes. As a ripe apple the least shake causes them to fall into the Devil's basket, and then they are off hellward as rapidly as the Dev-

"Many of those ships, without the word 'church' claim to be religious or even Christian without claiming to be churches. Many of them do not claim to be religious, but benevolent in character and objects, while others claim none of these benevolent or religious features but claim to be financial or monetary in character, while there are still others that claim a combination of objects, a union of the financial and benevolent."

"Their claims and characters are about as multitudinous as their number, which you see is quite large. There is one general principle under which all of them should be tried, viz.: The necessity for their existence, and, passing this, special principles under which each should be tried separately and stand or fall upon its own merits or demerits. Judged by these rules, it might be safely said that but few of them would be left to tell the tale. There are but few but what the demerits are in excess of their merits, and but few again that can show any real necessity for their existence.

"As this ship, true to its Master, ever has sailed and ever must sail alone, in that it never has had, nor ever can have, any organic connection or association with any of those ships, we should therefore reject all propositions or advances, from all directions, that may be made in the future, that are designed or calculated to draw us into entangling alliances, either of an organic or individual character. While we should be as harmless as doves, we should associate with this harmlessness the wisdom of the serpent, and watch always against temptations, for there is a great evil power that exercises, to great extent, a controlling influence over the things of time, including the most of these ships that sail upon this sea."

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il, with their help, can carry them. It is strange that men will run so greedily in the ways of death. Blinded by the God of this world, they speed swiftly along the path to ruin, for time and eternity."

"Your speaking of this ship's isolation brings to mind a passage I read here in my book recently. 'Lo the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations,' said I. Num. 23: 9.

"Yes; they were a typical people, a type of us, so we have dwelt alone, and for over 1200 years were not reckoned by the world among the ships (churches).

L. A. DUNCAN.
Meridian, Sept. 28, 1899.

Chickasahay Association.

Twenty-five of the thirty-three churches composing the Chickasahay Association were represented in the late session at Fairfield, say ten miles west of Shubuta. Bro. R. A. Venable was re-elected moderator, and J. S. Hardee clerk.

Secretary Rowe and Bro. J. B. Seacry were delayed, being unable to put in an appearance till Monday—both were given opportunity however, to address the body. Full reports were adopted on all the objects fostered by the Association and some excellent remarks were made.

The next session is to be held at Stonewall, on the M. & O. R. R., preceded by a Sunday School Institute, beginning Thursday night before the fourth Lord's Day, September, 1900. Most of the reports will have to be discussed on Sunday in order to let the factory people hear them.

Shubuta, as usual, threw open her doors to passing delegates—this correspondent enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. Patton's kind family, with Bro. Hackett, and of Mr. Tom Floyd's courteous family on his return. At Fairfield he was entertained, with the 41st Avenue delegation, by Bro. Woodward, quite near the church.

Fairfield brethren, with their good pastor, Bro. Geo. W. Knight, left nothing undone for the comfort of delegates and to save them expense—even providing for them at the hotel when found there. Bro. Knight had to leave the Association before its adjournment in order to fulfill an engagement at Cuba, Ala.

Forty-first Avenue church is coming to the front again. It sent five delegates to the Association, and reported a net increase in membership of six. Bro. W. A. McCain has been called to the pastorate for another year. He is an active, zealous worker, and has the love of the church.

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By J. G. Walker, D. D., 8vo., 228

fort with a good Sunday School Lord's Day morning and preaching by Bro. W. A. McCain two Sunday afternoons in the month. Seventh Avenue is supplied by Bro. J. R. Farish and is holding its own pretty well for the times.

Meridian is still growing and doing a fair business notwithstanding the quarantines. The public schools have opened with overflowing attendance in most departments. Our people are proud of their schools.

L. A. DUNCAN.
Meridian, Sept. 28, 1899.

Among the Books.

BAPTIST ANNALS is the title of a handsome little volume, written by our Dr. Z. T. Leavell, of Jackson. It is now going through the press of the American Baptist Publication Society. The copy which has just reached us is a sample copy. The whole edition, however, will soon be ready for delivery. The price of the book is seventy-five cents per copy. It is bound in beautiful red cloth and contains 130 pages. It is illustrated with twenty portraits of workers in the ranks of Mississippi Baptists. The frontispiece is a fine likeness of the author. The introduction is written by that careful, candid, critical scholar, Dr. H. F. Sproles, who needs no introduction to Mississippi Baptists.

Dr. Sproles speaks in highest terms of the eminent qualifications of the author for his undertaking and of the finished product of the author's efforts in the form of this book. We take especial pleasure in commanding this production of our esteemed brother and fellow-laborer to the purchase and careful study of our Baptist people.

We pass just one adverse criticism on the work. It is not full enough. But then it must be borne in mind that the author did not intend to present a full history of our Baptist people in Mississippi, but only some annals. In large measure the facts which Dr. Leavell has written would have been lost to our people but for this service he has rendered us, which covers a period of twenty-two years.

We commend the book to every Baptist in the State. It contains many facts which can not be had elsewhere. We began reading it and were so charmed with its fascinating English and its fine array of facts that we read it through at one sitting.

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Morelia, Mexico, Sept. 25.

of our incorporation. He passed away, some four years ago, much beloved and respected. She has gone to meet him in their mutual home triumphant. Sister Scott was a woman of fine mind and strength of character, of noble purpose and Christian consecration. Her death was triumphant. She leaves three children—James, a noble youth, of fine business promise; Maddie, a sweet, Christian young lady, of good culture; and Purser, the youngest child, almost grown, a sprightly youth but not a Christian. God bless and save him.

full house and a most interesting and profitable meeting. The summer rains are nearly over and we are planning an extensive winter campaign through the ranches. With a heavy heart and tear-bedimmed eyes, I have just read the obituary of my old college mate, Prof. W. K. Nettles. I remember distinctly the first time he ever entered the college chapel and how I sat down by his side to talk to him about the society. I remember also our last meeting, which was at a church near Magnolia, where I was assisting Bro. Almond in a meeting in 1885. The dear brother was asking me for some texts bearing on the subject of Christian living. He had been appointed to prepare a paper for an approaching district meeting. A noble and useful man has gone to his reward. It is a strange Providence that took him.

I should like to say more, but I cannot see, I cannot write. J. G. CHASTAIN.

Morelia, Mexico, Sept. 25.

"Pray without ceasing."

Ministerial Education.

SOME CHANGES.

The ministerial students who room in our two cottages are no longer required to do their own cooking. A negro man is now employed to do the cooking. It is the judgment of the board, that the time of the students is of more value than the little money needed to pay for the cooking. Also the food is better, more healthful and much more satisfactory to the students themselves. We are sure the friends will approve this change.

Hot-headed selfishness is a fearful malady, for which the only unfailing cure is hot-headed service to Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us.

A PROMINENT MEMPHIAN WRITES.

Dr. H. Mozley, Atlanta:

Having been a great sufferer for three years from indigestion, and been treated by many physicians, who failed to give me any relief. Continuing to grow worse my brother advised me to try Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir, which remedy he had used for several years. I commenced its use, and must say that your Lemon Elixir is the greatest medicine on earth. I have never suffered a day since I commenced using Lemon Elixir.

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A CARD.

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H. A. BEALL.

Clerk Superior Court Randolph county, Ga.

til nov 1.

From Mexico.

We had the quarterly review of our Sunday-school yesterday—a

To Baptist Record Subscribers.

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J. A. HACKETT, M'gr.

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All parties wishing to visit this section for the purpose of buying land as per my advertisement will please come between the 10th and 30th of November. I will secure half rates over the G. & S. I. to all points from Gulfport to the end of the line or from Hattiesburg to any place that home seekers may wish to visit. Every one can then see for himself and be convinced that this is the coming section of the State. I can sell him any sort of land he wants at a price and on terms that will please.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Lesson For October 8, 1899.

BY W. F. YARBOROUGH.

HAMAN'S PLOT AGAINST THE JEWS.—Esther iii. 1-11.

Golden Text:—"If God be for us, who can be against us?"—Rom. viii. 31.

Waiving the number of critical questions which gather about the discussion of the Book of Esther, we pass on to the practical consideration of the lesson of the day, stopping only long enough to say that most of the reasons given against its place in the Old Testament scriptures are based on what we do not know about it. Dr. Broadus used to say "Arguments from silence are always precarious."

Obituary notices, whether direct or in the form of resolutions, of 100 words, and marriage notices of 25 words, inserted free; all over these amounts will cost one cent per word, which must accompany the notice.

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Associational Meetings.

KOSCIUSKO—Hebron Church, Friday before the 3d Sunday in October.

COLD WATER—Longtown Church, Wednesday before the 3d Sunday in October.

DEER CREEK—Itabena, Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October.

TOMHIGGINS—Mt. Pleasant, 7 miles north of Fulton, Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October.

HOOTAW—Dry Creek Church, Winston county, Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION—Eubula Church, 13 miles north of Hickory, Saturday before the last Sunday in October.

HARMONY—Good Hope Church (Madison), Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October.

CAREY—Union Church, 2 miles east of White Apple, L. N. O. & F., Friday before the 1st Sunday in November.

HOBOLACHTIE—Corinth Church, 6 miles south of Nicholson, Wednesday before the 2d Sunday in November.

CHESTER—Pisgah Church, 8 miles south of Eupora.

At 6 o'clock last Saturday evening a fire broke out in the house occupied by W. C. Johnston, on State street. In a very short time two other large residences and the engine house on the capitol grounds were in flames, and directly in ashes. The loss was about \$20,000, only partially covered by insurance. The houses could have been saved had the pressure been on at the power house. Our Bro. W. C. Johnston was a heavy loser, having no insurance whatever.

SOME SPECIAL POINTS.

1. *Fidelity to Principle.* Mordecai in his position at the king's

gate was expected to bow his face to the earth in reverence to Haman, the king's representative. Very likely this homage was intended as divine honors to the Persian monarch. This honor was paid by all except Mordecai.

When expostulated with daily by his associates in office, he was for a long time silent but when finally pressed for an answer he replied plainly, "I am a Jew." Evidently it was a matter of principle with him. He was a genuine non-conformist, or as styled by Dr. W. M. Taylor, the first Quaker. He had convictions and at the same time the courage to stand by them. This might cost him much, but it was no reckless whim that prompted him to run the risk of being true to the faith of his fathers. That he was a prudent man is seen in his instruction to Esther not to make known her nationality. Had he only bowed with the rest of the servile crowd of attendants, he would have avoided all this trouble, but, as Alexander Maclaren says, "He would have shown himself to be a nobody." Many a young man (and old one, too, for that matter) loses all his individual strength of character because he is afraid to stand alone. That was a grand sight to see that lone Jew standing there while all his associates were lying prostrate in adulation to this supercilious prince. It was too much for the haughty Haman, but, as we shall see, his effort to punish Mordecai was a boomerang reacting on himself, while the Jew's fidelity was rewarded by the providential working out of all this folly to his own promotion, showing that it God was with him none could stand against him. Oh! for men and women who can say, "I am a Christian."

2. *The Revenge of Pride.* It seems that Haman was so puffed up with pride that he had not noticed Mordecai's non-conformity until the matter was brought to his attention by the King's servants; but he was very wrath when he actually saw that Mordecai bowed not down. He was so indignant and so full of self-importance that he seemed to take revenge on Mordecai alone. He laid a plot for the destruction of all the Jews in the realm. If one Jew had refused, for national or religious reasons, then might all refuse. To have his authority questioned or his vanity wounded, was just a little more than he could stand. The Spirit with which he undertakes to avenge himself of Mordecai's conduct shows his weakness. Had he been a man of any strength

of character, this little matter would have passed unnoticed. He was proud without any merit to justify it. His pride offended must seek revenge, but in getting the King's consent to slay the Jews he evades the real issue and pretends that he is concerned about the disloyalty of the people to the King. He hides under cover of the political welfare of the kingdom to get personal revenge. His pride begets an awful progeny—revenge, falsehood, murder. He speaks falsehood in saying that the Jews keep not the King's laws. The Jews are and have always been noteworthy for being a law-abiding people, so far as the civil law is concerned. This proud, vengeful, lying, murderous Haman, and his untimely end, ought to show us the vanity of human pride and greatness.

3. *License to Do Evil.* Ahasuerus is criminally careless and indifferent. Sunken in sensuality and self-indulgence, with his expansion policy of reaching into the west exploded by Greek prowess, he seems utterly indifferent as to what his officials are doing. He should have looked into the matter which Haman reported. To be certain of his scheme, Haman offers the king ten thousand talents of silver (more than ten millions of dollars) as booty if the order is given to destroy the Jews. He knew he would get more than this. So reckless is the king of human life and so little does this whole affair concern him that he gives Haman his signet ring the seal of which affixed to a document gave the order royal authority, and moreover tells him to do with the Jews and their money whatever he pleased.

Now, we have no such kings in these days, but the will of the people though lodged in a republican form of government is just as capable of licensing evil as was King Ahasuerus. The parallel between this bit of Old Testament history and the modern system of licensing the liquor traffic is strikingly stated in Peloubet's Notes. In each case the license is granted by a sovereign state, and is a privilege given to a few to injure and destroy the people. It is given for money which is to be taken from the spoils of the people injured. It is an injury to the State that grants the license and brings ruin to the Hamans who use it. The Mordecais and Esthers are laboring against it at great cost and self-denial and will be successful in the end.

The earliest frosts for many years have been reported.

WOMAN'S WORK.

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"God Led Them About."

(Exodus, 14:2)

The bless Land of Promise lay just o'er the way;
And the vast host of Hebrews, in marching array.
Were yearning to cover the distance which told
The brick kilns of Egypt from Canaan's fair wold.
Just over the way! but the short route between
Was held by that giant, the stern Philistine:
And not yet would the Pillar permit them to go.
Where the sight of the warlike should fill them with woe.
Years after, perhaps, when lessons well learned,
In the heart of the desert were fully discerned,
They may gaze undismayed on the embattled hosts;
But not until taught in whose strength they may boast.
Shall they meet all the horrors of war on the route;
So in tenderest love their "God led them about."

In my journey through life how often I find,
That the path which He chooses will deviate wind
Through the Valley of Despond, the Desert of Woe,
So far from the goal to which I long to go!

I hope each society of Central Association and every individual member will enter upon this new associational year with new determination to make it one of the best and to be more united in our work than in any preceding year.

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work to flourish and the work to grow.

We need each other's help so much. There are times when combined forces tend to weaken the strongest of us, and we need the knowledge of our co-workers' sympathy.

To be told of other societies' struggles, weaknesses and triumphs would verily be "holding up" each other's hands; and we would have renewed courage and energy in the work we are doing, in our feeble way, for Jesus. If we could only realize that the smallest deed, the weakest effort, made in His name is for His glory, and that we enjoy, even in this life, a happiness from the faithful discharge of our duty, and that we also have the promise of rewards laid up in heaven for all of us who do His will on earth, we would be more willing to let our lights shine on the pathway of others, and extend to them our hand, and try to help them on their "way," which perhaps is rougher than ours.

The need of the world is encouragement, and we, in our weakness, need it greatly. The most of us little realize the extent of good that comes from combined effort. We need the expressions of love and sympathy, and to know we are not alone in our efforts to do good.

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moderator and Rev. A. C. Ball, clerk.

There are up to date, September 28th, 31 churches represented and about 60 regular delegates besides several visitors.

The churches render splendid reports of the good work done since the last convocation, which gives impetus to the enthusiasm of the body now in session.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. P. Price, of Winona, Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, from text Rom. 1:16.

The body has selected Goodman as the next place of meeting, one year hence.

The Association will adjourn this (Friday) afternoon.—The Commonwealth, Greenwood.

Several Meetings.

To the BAPTIST:

I am at home with my family the second week since the 1st of July. I have been in meetings since that time. Space will not permit me to give all the details of the meetings that I was in, but will say the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

I will give a sketch of my pastoral charge:

Loakfoma—The fifth Sunday in July I commenced a meeting, which continued eight days. The Lord blessed us with eight accessions to the church. I was assisted by Rev. J. D. Fulton and N. B. Wallace.

Whereas, The Baptists along this road are turning to the State Convention for help in developing the spiritual condition of this country, and,

Whereas, We know that now is the time to occupy the field if we are going to do so at all; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge our Convention Board to put at least two strong men on this road, at once, if they can be secured.

2. That these men be supported by the Board, so they can turn their attention to building up the church along the line and planting others, instead of having to try to get their support from the field itself.

New Hope—I commenced a meeting the first Sunday in September. I was assisted by Rev. Jasper Watson. Again the Lord was with us. Result, eight additions to the church. Rev. M. K. Thornton, of Starkville, preached one precious sermon.

The next will be the Chester Baptist Association, which will commence Saturday before the first Sunday in October.

May the Lord bless THE BAPTIST and the editor.

Yours in the work,

A. P. BERRY.

Sturgis, Miss.

B. Y. P. U., Crystal Springs.

There was a large attendance at the B. Y. P. U. meeting Sunday afternoon at Crystal Springs. The subject for consideration was "Unhesitating Confidence in Christ," Scripture, 2 Tim., 1:12. Leader, Miss Florence Tillman.

We should have an unhesitating confidence in Christ because of His teaching, personality and wonderful works; because of His sacrificial death, resurrection and exaltation, making it possible to save to the uttermost all who will come unto Him. He is not only able to save, but is able to supply all our needs and to succor those who are tempted, and at last to present us faultless.

Our confidence seems unhesitating only when we live in daily communion with Christ; when we take his precepts and practice them, and when we can truly say, "I am not ashamed of Christ; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Will the other Unions of the State pray for us that we may be able to do all things through Christ, who strengthens us?

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The following amounts were received during the last week, for building the new cottage, and for supplies for ministerial students now here:

H. J. Vanlandingham \$5.00; Mrs. Barber \$1.00; Rocky Mountain church \$2.00; Harbor Springs church \$2.25; Goodman church \$10.00; Mrs. J. B. Ward, \$10.00; Roman Thomas \$25.00; E. D. Miner \$10.00. Total \$65.25.

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Ministers & Churches.

FRANCHE CAMP—A good meeting in the French Camp Baptist church last night, Sept. 24th. At the close of the sermon, Miss Maggie Lucas and Mrs. Chas. Wilson made application for membership and were baptized in the presence of a very large and attentive congregation. We thank God and take courage.

W. H. H. FANCHER,
French Camp, Miss.

GALLMAN—Bro. McComb gave

me a postal card this morning to send you some notes of the meeting, but a postal card won't hold it.

The meeting began a week ago to-night with an audience of about 30. Only intended having services at night. Second night meeting so warm, decided to have two services a day. Did you ever hear Bro. McComb preach? But I can't tell you. My vocabulary is too small. Reached the climax yesterday; had three sermons; house crowded to overflowing last night; no standing room only out doors and pretty well taken up. Text, Matt. 16 to 26; subject, Profit and Loss. God's power was felt; 81 asked for prayer; 25 conversions; 4 united with church; 50 some odd conversions to date; 12 accessions to the church and more to follow. Penitent sinners inquiring the way of salvation.

Had the best service of all today at 10 a. m. Subject, Home Religion. Tears were shed by all, from the gray-haired fathers and mothers down to the boys and girls. God is here in great power. Pray for us, that greater blessings may yet be poured out upon us.

Fraternally,

C. S. CURTIS

EDWARDS—We have just closed a precious meeting at Edwards. Were to have Bro. W. P. Price with us, but, on account of the reported yellow fever at Jackson, he could not come. The church, apparently, led by Col. W. R. Montgomery, pressed the pastor into service, and while he rather objected at first, he now rejoices and is thankful for the humble part he had in the meeting.

We began Thursday evening, the 14th inst., and closed Thursday morning, 21st inst., by baptizing 10, with 1 candidate yet to be baptized.

We are revived and encouraged, and to God be all the glory.

J. L. LOW.

Utica, Miss., Sept. 23, 1899.

SANFORD—The annual meeting

held with Sanford church, beginning Saturday before the second Sunday in September was a grand interest; best order and attention I ever saw in a protracted meeting.

The meeting was conducted by the pastor until Monday, p. m., when Bro. T. E. H. Robinson came to his aid and did the preaching until Wednesday evening, when the meeting closed. Bro. Robinson did able preaching. The result was 15 accessions to the church by letter; 7 baptized; 2 approved for baptism.

To God be the glory.

J. L. BRYANT.
Eula, Miss.

SPRING HILL—We began a meeting at Springhill Baptist Church, Zion Associa'tn, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August and continued nine days. With two services a day, and dinner on the ground each day. Bro. A. C. Ball joined the church and pastor in the meeting on the fourth Sabbath in August and threw himself into the meeting with an ease and power that was sublime, and for eight consecutive days, mightily preached the glorious gospel of Christ to a crowded house. In all we had a splendid meeting of the old Zion Association, but we all greatly regretted your absence. He also presented and represented the claims of our paper, THE BAPTIST with a fidelity that was admirable. In all we had a splendid meeting of the old Zion Association, but we all greatly regretted your absence. While I write these lines three young men hail at the gate, grandmama Pitt is dead, and I am wanted to preach her funeral this evening. Thus our dear ones are gathering over on the other side. Oh, may we all meet at last in that bright land of the blessed. At this writing, Bro. T. H. Wilson is very sick. Pray for him.

God bless you and bless THE BAPTIST.

Yours in Christ,
A. B. HICKS.

MT. GILLEAD—Our meeting at Mt. Gillead was for a week morning and night, with good congregations and well sustained interest throughout. Bro. W. S. Culpepper was to have been with us but on account of an interesting meeting with his own church at Gloster did not appear on the ground. In the absence of other help the church and pastor did the work, and with the blessing of the Lord rejoiced in the ingathering of a goodly number of sheaves.

WALTHALL—We began a meeting on Saturday before the third Lord's day in August with the Walthall Church Zion Association. We were assisted in this meeting by Bro. Sidney Allob, a Mississippi College student, who preached the Gospel with great beauty and power for seven days and nights to large congregations, and great and lasting good was done; the church was revived and strengthened; six were baptized and one received by letter.

ESTABUCHEE—Another week at Estabucbee with Bro. C. G. Elliott following the meeting of the Lebanon Association was one to be remembered, for hard and earnest work, both of the pastor and helper and especially the former.

Whatever may have been the immediate results, which were meagre as to numbers, it is believed that no little good was effected as God has promised that his "word shall not return unto him void but shall accomplish that whereunto

vened with Milligan Springs church on September 14th and 15th. The churches were nearly all represented with a good delegation. Bro. J. T. Pryor was elected Moderator, W. D. Bennett, clerk, and W. W. Naron, treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by the writer to an appreciative congregation. Bro. A. V. Rowe was with us and mightily presented Missions, State, Home and Foreign. He profoundly impressed us all with the needs and claims of the "work" and with the great necessity of its immediate enlargement, and made us feel that we must enlarge our contributions to Missions. Bro. Flake was there and fully at himself, and he presented the Sabbath school work with a zeal and fervency that impressed all with the vast importance of organizing and maintaining our Sabbath schools in each and all of the churches. He also presented and represented the claims of our paper, THE BAPTIST with a fidelity that was admirable.

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Kentucky Letter.

BY REV. SID J. WILLIAMS.

North Fork, Ky., Sept. 23, 1899.

BRETHREN—I am now conducting with the pastor, my first fall meeting in Kentucky. This is a beautiful section, right on the edge of the blue grass region—a rolling, hilly country; thickly settled with folks of the old fashion kind, with their lovely old fashion homes. One can enjoy Brown's playing the "Old Kentucky Home" sure enough. A merry set. There is no end to fine horses in this country and their hoofs fairly make music on the pikes. Washington, the birth place of Albert Sidney Johnston, the hero of the South, is only a short distance from here. We drove over there last week and for the first time I stood in the doorway of the home of him for whom my father named me. I prayed God that I make as successful a soldier in His cause as Johnston was in the Confederacy. Only sixty-five Confederates left in this county. The last spark is fast dying out. God bless our forefathers who wore the grey.

The birthplace of Johnson is a frame building one and a half stories high. It is very old; been standing fully one hundred years. Nails are dropping out; planks are falling off. I shall always be glad that I had the pleasure of

seeing it. The gospel was preached, the people seemed to hear it gladly and the result is with God, who alone "giveth the increase."

J. A. H.

MT. PLEASANT—A series of meetings at this place conducted by Bro. J. W. Alford closed a few days ago; 3 accessions to the church; 2 by experience and baptism. Bro. Alford has resigned his pastorate for another year. We trust the Lord will send us another earnest Christian brother to lead this little band in the ways of righteousness. We are very weak financially, cannot support a pastor satisfactorily without aid and that we did not receive this year, and our beloved pastor showed to the world his intent in preaching—to do his Master's will.

Our membership consists of thirty-three of but few families. May we as a church shine as a brilliant light to the world, and each member be as a twinkling star that they may direct sinners heavenward, who are traveling the dark roads of sin that lead to destruction and eternal punishment; show them the way that leads to an eternal home in heaven.

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Harvest Time and Pastors.

BY DR. W. B. KINABREW.

It is now time people are gathering their crops. Well, brethren, suppose we remember our pastors as we gather our crops, and let us send them something. Could not every farmer who makes a good yield of any thing send some to his pastor—not as a part of his salary, but as a love offering? These

treading on the spot where such a hero first saw the light. God has long since called him to a mansion whose maker and builder is God—a city that shall never fall.

This county raises some of the finest tobacco in the State. We are here just in time to see them cut, cured and house it. Plenty of corn, cattle and hogs; everything well bred. I think all of our people would do well to raise high grades, as they always bring better prices.

Land in this section sells for

more than \$100 per acre. The farmers are all doing well in these parts. We are having some rain and cold weather, however.

In our times of grief, we should appreciate the sympathy and counsel of our pastor. In times of joy, we should likewise remember our pastor and his family. When we have a social gathering we should never be contented without the company of the pastor and his family. It is showing the proper love and respect and it gives our social intercourse a tone of piety and morality.

In two weeks I will be with the church where Alexander Campbell caused the first disturbance. You don't have to travel far to get to the founders of this sect of folks. The thing that startles me most is that some of these Baptist churches in Kentucky receive Campbellites into their fellowship without baptizing them. It seems to me that if any State in the South ought to be strong in the faith, Kentucky should be that State. I never saw a Campbellite received in a Baptist Church on their baptism until two years ago in this State. I had rather receive an immersed Methodist any time if I was in that business.

If the Baptist Church is the Church of Christ, we should contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. When a Campbellite comes forward to unite with the church the pastor will say, "He (or she) says they were converted before they were baptized," and that settles it. When you preach against it they get out of it by saying that has been the custom in these parts or with this church.

I am in a lovely home.

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hard times are pressing on all of us, but it comes accumulating on our pastors.

At best they get a mere living. Perhaps by the liberality of schools and colleges they are enabled to educate their children. They seldom or never lay up anything. If we would send our pastor a load of corn, potatoes, hay or other produce, a hog at killing time, and many things we could spare, it would be encouraging to him, and would draw our hearts to him. The relation between members and pastors should be closer and more binding.

In our times of grief, we should notice of his preaching I particularly noticed. In nearly every sermon he insisted on Christians living up to their duty.

As usually preached a great many members never hear these things on account of absence. And then pastors cannot insist on the church supporting them without the cry arising, "begging, begging." But at our protracted meeting members are out strong and their zeal is aroused and I think our evangelists can do good work in this line.

Deaths.**Mrs. Mary Fulgham.**

In Crystal Springs on August 4th, the Lord called home the spirit of Mrs. Mary Fulgham.

Be it resolved, therefore, 1st, That we have lost a consistent member. Our church a loyal, faithful worker. Her meek, gentle nature won all our hearts, and we realize there is gone from us a life beautiful in love, purity and faith.

2nd, That we cherish the memory of our sister and tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in THE BAPTIST, one given to the family, and one placed on our record.

Done by order of the Ladies Missionary Society, September 14th, 1899.

MRS. LOU DAMPER,
MRS. MAY MCCORMAC,
Committee.

Dr. L. M. Mays.

Dr. Mays was born near Greensboro, Alabama, in 1831. Moved to Mississippi in 1845, married Miss Harriett L. Fore, December 10, 1857, at Fannin, Rankin county, Mississippi, moved to Graysport about the close of the war, began practicing medicine in the fifties. Joined the Baptist church twenty-five years ago, was a faithful member and deacon. He died September 15, 1899, was buried in his family graveyard one mile east of Graysport. Funeral conducted by the writer. He leaves a wife and three children, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

We expect to meet him in the sweet by-and-by.

CHAS. A. LOVELESS,
Graysport, Miss., Sept. 23, 1899.

Maude Martin.

Daughter of Brother and Sister W. H. Martin, of Torrance. Born September 22, 1883. Accepted Christ as her Savior August 1896, under the ministry of Bro. E. D. Solomon. Was baptized by Bro. R. W. Merrill. She finished her course on earth and entered the "Haven of rest" September, 1899. Funeral conducted by the writer. She was beautiful and intelligent, consecrated to her Savior, and loved by all who knew her. We shall all sadly miss her.

We feel that this sad bereavement ought to draw each member of this church nearer to God, where the wife, the mother, the daughter, the sister and the friend, with a new song in her mouth, is basking in the sunlight of God, singing praises to a crucified Savior. May the father, whose responsibilities are doubled, obtain wisdom from on high to rear his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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Darkness shadows us now, but, pierced by the sunlight of faith, we confidently believe that the day will come when we will praise God for His wonderful Providence.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the church book, and a copy be presented to the family of the deceased, and a copy furnished THE BAPTIST for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. STOVALL,
Chairman Committee.

Mrs. Dorah Sojourner.

Mrs. Dorah Sojourner, daughter of W. J. and Sallie Farmer, died at her home near Crystal Springs, Copiah county, September 22nd, 1899. She was born February 22nd, 1873, was married to D. F. Sojourner December 13th, 1894. At the age of sixteen she heard the bugle call of the captain of her Lord, uniting with Hopewell Baptist church, of which she was a consistent member until her death. She was a young woman in the full glory of womanhood, possessed with a sweet disposition of mind and heart; social, kind and pleasant to all with whom she came in contact, and by her noble traits of character won for herself many warm and lasting friends. As a daughter she was affectionate and obedient; as a wife, gentle and loving; as a mother kind and indulgent, and friends delight to cherish her memory. For seven weeks she lingered on her bed of sickness and never murmured, and when the death angel, attracted by the beauty of this flower, came to reap it, she faded on earth to bloom in heaven. She leaves a father, mother, some brothers, a sister, two little children and a host of friends to mourn her death. May the life she lived tend to sweeten their lives and may we all live so as to meet her beyond the river.

L. G. C. GATES.

Memorial Resolutions.

Whereas, Our sister, Cora Dean McGee, was hurriedly called from time to eternity by the overruling Providence of our kind heavenly Father, and being assured by His unerring words "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose," and feeling moreover that as Creator, Preserver, King, Benefactor and Redeemer, he has the unquestioned right to call whom he will, when he will and under whatsoever circumstances He may, and also believing that His acts are founded in right, justice and mercy, and are for the good of His people, accomplishing his own purpose and his own glory; therefore,

Resolved, That in her death the church has sustained a personal loss, personal to the body, personal to each member and personal to the town of Lyeland, and vicinity.

Resolved, That we extend our warmest Christian sympathy to the broken-hearted husband, motherless children and numerous bereaved relatives and friends.

We pray God to sustain each and every one by His grace, and that this affliction, in mercy sent, may draw them nearer to God, where the wife, the mother, the daughter, the sister and the friend, with a new song in her mouth, is basking in the sunlight of God, singing praises to a crucified Savior. May the father, whose responsibilities are doubled, obtain wisdom from on high to rear his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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The Child and the Saloon.

BY REV. E. T. HISCOX, D. D.

Whatever excuse may be plead by individuals or governments in extenuation of their own acts, directly or indirectly, in aiding or abetting the liquor traffic, they cannot stand out from under the shadow of the old prophet's curse on all who, directly or indirectly, help on that matchless and unparalleled social evil: "Woe to him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, that maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness."

The present case is a fair application of this prophetic invective, and the language by some renderings is even more intense. Five cases of yellow fever announced alarm the entire nation, are telegraphed every where and excite universal solicitude. All needed resources of the government are called into requisition, and no expense is spared to prevent its spreading. And yet it is not certain the victims will die. And if they should, there is no disgrace or dishonor attending the misfortune, nor are their homes clouded with reproach, their families reduced to beggars by the means, nor their children branded with the stigma of a drunkard's name. Oh, for a reign of equity and justice! For righteousness and truth to be regnant in Christian lands!

But the heaviest indictment against intemperance and the rum traffic is by childhood and the Church of God. To both it is the deadliest and most inveterate enemy. On each of these topics, could a writer be found, a volume might be written that would fire the soul with holy indignation at this crime of all crimes against helpless innocence and sacred purity. What chance has a drunkard's child to attain, or to hope for, intelligence, respectability or an honored place in society? Whether a boy or girl, especially if a girl, the silent anathema of society seems resting on the drunkard's child. Ignored or pitied, both alike cruel, ignorant, familiar from birth with degradation and perhaps crime, with companionships only of his kind, how can that child hope ever in the struggles of life to attain a place with the virtuous and the respectable throng? Ostracized, cast off and condemned, damned by strong drink to dis-honor, perhaps to infamy and crime. A virtuous but broken-hearted mother may for a while fight the fierce battle, and strive to shelter and save the children behalf.

she loves from the impending doom. But death at length ends the weary struggle and she finds relief in the grave, leaving her children to their fate and the mercy of God. But suppose, as it is too often true, the mother is also a drunkard; then darker than ever seems the night of despair that settles upon childhood in the drunkard's home! Now and then miracles do occur through the overruling goodness of God. Here and there a case, like scattered stars in the immeasurable vault, of a child that emerges from the moral morass, the infectious and corrupting miasma of such a home, and rises to conspicuous elevation of virtue, respectability, distinction and honor. It is, however, only occasionally, and the indictment of the liquor traffic, by wronged and injured childhood, is not abated by these means.

College Tidings.

Good tidings. 168 students in and two more to come to-day. Everything is moving nicely. Many others write that they are coming. We feel sure we will reach the 200 mark by the middle of the session. Boys from the I. C. road can reach us by driving through from Terry or Tongaloo. From other roads they can reach us direct. Let students come right on.

Truly,

W. T. Loway.
Clinton, Oct 3, 99.**Married.**

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. M. Moore, Sr., near Asylum, at 10 a. m., Sunday, October 1, 1899, by Rev. L. S. Foster, Mr. R. P. Miller, of Indianola, and Miss Ada Moore. The groom is the efficient sheriff of Sunflower county, and he and his fair bride carry with them the best wishes of many friends in Jackson.

A note from pastor Price bears the sad intelligence of the death of brother Clarence Trotter, a son of Dr. T. R. and Mrs. Trotter of Wintonna. This sad event occurred on the 28th of September, 1899. Clarence was a young man of fine mind, and, if the Father had seen fit in His infinite wisdom, to spare him, he doubtless would have been a very useful man. He had lingered for many months under the wasting ravages of consumption. His pastor writes: "He died like a man and a Christian." This is a dark hour for the family. But no doubt many prayers are ascending to the "God of all grace" on their behalf.

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